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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

This invention relates to rolls for generally conveying sheets, such as of steel or glass over a roller typically having a steel mandrel and fiber-containing roll cover, with the fiber roll cover pressed between end plates. In a roll end assembly including the end plates there is now provided an axial shaft beyond the end plate. The shaft incorporates a roll compression means. The compression means includes a compression element which element engages the end plate. Pressure from the compression means, which may be exerted from beyond the shaft, can thereby be transmitted to the fiber roll.

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U.S. PATENTS/DOCUMENTS		
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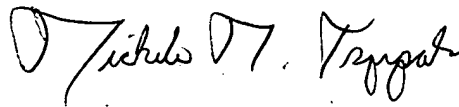
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5,205,398	Apr. 27, 1993	Hart et al.
5,307,563	May 3, 1994	Svenka
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Copies of the publications are included for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with an ample opportunity to evaluate the same and to arrive at an independent assessment of their materiality, if any, with regard to the examination of the application.

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